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[54] COMBINATORIAL KEYBOARDS WHICH
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[57] ABSTRACT

A keyboard for a typewriter or a computer comprises two groups of keys for operation by the digits of the two hands of an operator. Each group has five home keys, and also some non-home keys, arranged in continuous rows. A decoder is provided for decoding the operation of the keys so that operation of each individual home key of the first group signals a respective vowel and simultaneous operation of a home key of the first group and a home key of the second group signals a consonant. Additional rows provide for output of a character and a space.

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